

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday July 3rd 2005

Howth Peninsular Festival

The Howth Peninsular Festival takes place this weekend. Among the many events taking place is the operation of an amateur station from the Martello Tower, which houses "Ye Olde Hurdy Gurdy Vintage Radio Museum". Listen out for the HPF callsign on ssb, cw and on 2 metres FM around the morning news time. The station will be active from approx 11am until whatever time the operators decide to go QRT.

Why not drop by and enjoy the many indoor and outdoor events taking place in Howth today, and top it off with a visit to the station. Tony, EI5EM and Joe, EI4FV look forward to seeing many visitors and indeed would welcome CW and Phone operators to the shack. The web page for the museum is www.qsl.net/ei5em/museum.html

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Alcock & Brown Replica Flight

At the time of writing, The Alcock & Brown replica flight was due to take off at any time & indeed could land in Clifden before this news reaches you. See www.clifden.ie for links and more details. The original flight landed within sight of the Marconi Station, which was active at the time.

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Repeater News

The EI2WRC voice repeater at the Ridge of Capard was restored to normal activity last Saturday the 25th of June. The repeater had been off air recently and underwent some improvements, thanks to Neil EI3JE and John EI8JA. The EI2WRC Voice Repeater is part of the Southern Ireland Repeater Network. Reports are welcome to repeaters@searg.com.

The Cork Repeater Group is at present in the process of upgrading both the 2 metre and 70 centimetre repeaters, and wishes to apologise for the interruption of service, it is hoped to have both back in full service soon.

Rally News

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network Rally be held on Sunday November the 20th at the usual venue, the Belmont Hotel, Knock. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Bookings for accommodation should be made directly with the hotel. The rate is 50 Euro per person with a special all-in rate of 70 Euro for Bed & Breakfast and evening meal. Traders should contact Padraic Baynes EI9JA for exhibition space.

The Waterford Rally will take place on the 16th of October 2005 in the McEniff, Ard Ri Hotel, Waterford. Special room rates are available for those attending the rally; Bed and Breakfast for 2 nights plus one dinner is 89 Euro per person sharing. Bed and Breakfast for one night plus 1 dinner is 55 Euro per person sharing. A 19 Euro for single supplement applies. For information contact Michael Hoban, EI5DCB on 051-873310.

Packet News

TIPBBS is still quite active and links with EI3RCW in Waterford have been improved of late as has the CAHIR Node. Since the crash early in the year the BBS has had a complete Re-Vamp, although much of the available files have been lost, there are still quite a few handy tips and other bits of data if you simply send the W command followed by W (Directory) this will give the contents of the requested directory. So

why not give the packet a try? It's free and contents and connections are all Virus free as well.

If anyone is interested in participating in ongoing APRS experiments in the South East please set your UI PATH to WIDE2-2, this would include anyone in the coverage area of the Mt. Leinster Voice Repeater and the Repeater in Waterford City. All experiments are conducted on 144.800 MHz. Contact John Ronan, EI7IG for more information.

Nets

The QRS net on Monday the 27th was the last QRS net before the summer break. There will be no formal net in July and August. Further information can be obtained from EI2JP or from the Kerry Amateur Radio Groups web site at www.kerry.com

Digital Radio Mondiale

DRM (Digital Radio Mondiale) is a revolution in long-distance radio transmission. It allows international radio broadcast in digital at a high fidelity, similar to that of FM. The technology is designed to fit on the AM band and is more than just an audio service. DRM can carry text and graphics and is enabled to carry real-time Internet pages along with programmes.

Visit www.drm.org for sound clips and information.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 (evenings or weekends) or 087-6302026 (daytime). Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087-5-6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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